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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete reply dated June 3, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a set of substitute drawings Fig. 1, Fig. 2A and 2B, Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 to comply with the Notice to file substitute drawings.

Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the specification at page 3, line 24 as follows:

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Figure 2A and Figure 2B illustrate the construction of the Dunaliella Salina expression plasmid pCAMBIA-CtxB-SS1 containing recombinant HBsAg.

A marked up copy of the amendment is shown in the Appendix.

REMARKS

To complete the response, please replace the original drawings Fig. 1 to Fig.